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In re Application of	:	<b>OFFICE OF PETITIONS</b>
<b>AKKERMAN, et al.</b>	:	
Application No. 10/822,117	:	<b>DECISION ON PETITION</b>
Filed: April 9, 2004	:	
Attorney Docket No. <b>018219-00002</b>	:	

This is a decision in response to the petition, filed December 20, 2006, under 37 CFR 1.137(b), and the supplement filed May 14, 2007, to revive the above-identified application.

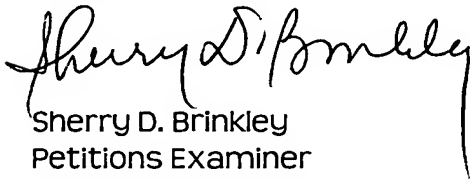
The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application became abandoned for failure to timely reply within the meaning of 37 CFR 1.113 to the final Office action, mailed April 11, 2006, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on July 12, 2006.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of an amendment; (2) the petition fee of \$750; and (3) an adequate statement of unintentional delay.

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The application file is being referred to Technology Center Art Unit 2855 for consideration of the amendment filed May 14, 2007

  
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